

EASTERN QUESTION.

Belief Becoming Prevalent that the Powers Have Made a Failure.

THAT THE BOASTED CONCERT IS SHAM

The Turks are Still Arming and Preparing for a Conflict They Feel the Powers Cannot Prevent.

Constantinople, April 9.—War preparations throughout the Turkish empire continue to be steadily pressed. Although there is much change in the eastern situation a very pessimistic feeling prevails at the failure of the powers in their attempts to coerce Greece. The blockade of the Piræus seems as far off as ever and the war party is bringing pressure to bear on the government with the results that the ports has dispatched emissaries to representatives abroad setting forth that Turkey is growing impatient at the prolongation of the crisis which is pressing heavily on already embarrassed exchequers. The belief prevails here that the powers are losing control over the course of events and that their so-called concert is a failure. A new danger is called through the circulation of a pamphlet reciting alleged Christian atrocities on the Mussulmans in Crete and elsewhere. This has greatly inflamed the Turks against the Greeks and the government has been compelled to take measures to prevent outbreaks by the population.

SHOCKED TO DEATH.

Charles Landhon Instantly Killed by a Live Light Wire.

Chicago, April 9.—Charles Landhon, an electrician employed in the store of Schlesinger & Mayer, State and Madison streets, was instantly killed at 6:30 o'clock last evening by an electric shock. Just before closing time a break in the current put out a number of the electric lights in the building, and Landhon went to the basement to locate and repair the trouble. He finally located the break in a wire in the center of the basement ceiling, and, tools in hand, commenced to repair it.

The clock, which in the basement were crowded with men and women clerks, and a number of others were in the main hall waiting their turn to dress. Four employees watched Landhon as he climbed up a step ladder. Having reached the top he stretched out his hand and felt of one of the wires. He then turned and held the wire he uttered a cry and fell from the ladder to the floor. When he fell he uttered a cry and ran from the room with his hands over his face. Fred Anderson ran to the side of Landhon and attempted to assist him. He found the body in his arms, but a heavy current convinced him that life was gone.

Dr. William Quinn and McCormick were called and a physician was sent for. The services of the medical man were of no avail, and a patrol wagon was called to remove Landhon's body to Rollins undertaking rooms, No. 11 Adams street.

DRAPER'S STORY DISCREDITED

Story of Hastings Well Guarded to Avoid a Possible Lynching.

Jacksonville, Ill., April 9.—The most talked of man in the city is Charles L. Draper now in jail for murdering Charles L. Hastings. In some quarters there is considerable talk of lynch law, but wise counsel will prevail and meantime the prisoner is being guarded so as to prevent any such catastrophe. Draper is in better spirits since his confession. Not very much is taken in it, as it is regarded as the work of his lawyers, who took that means to make a case as good as possible for their client. No one believes that a man being held down could cut his assistant 113 times and not get hurt himself. Had he wanted to get out he had a dozen chances before Hastings could have gotten up again, as he says he heard the street door when Hastings came into the building.

The Chicago Live Stock Case.

Chicago, April 9.—The state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners met here yesterday to consider the charges of extortion referred by the Chicago Live Stock exchange. The complaint is an outcome of the old fight against the roads for their switching charge of \$3 per car at the Union stock yards in this city. The matter has been fought in the courts, and although Judge Grosoup, in the federal court, declared the charge to be illegal, he was overruled by the court of appeals. The state authorities took the same view of the matter as Judge Grosoup, and the

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River 50 Feet at Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 9.—At noon the river reached fifty feet. Telegrams from Palladium report all the levees safe.

Flood Situation at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., April 9.—The river here has passed the eighteen-foot mark. The highest previous record was 17.9 in 1893, now it is 18.3. The engineers expected 18.6 upon that arrival of the flood wave that is still enroute. The city engineer predicts that it will go a foot higher, and the levee board has secured consent to blockade many of the streets leading to the levee. The low places will be raised at once for the time is short. The worst feature of the situation is the daily storm. Last evening a blow, the worst so far, did considerable damage. All members of the levee boards base the hope of holding the line on the fair weather, but April is always stormy here. The drenching and battering of the banks are receiving is beginning to tell, and danger calls are becoming more frequent. The relief trains are now going out at night as well as day, with greatest flood and stormiest of the month coming together. Louisiana levees have so far borne up magnificently.

Yazoo River Falling.

Greenwood, Miss., April 9.—The Yazoo river has fallen 2 1/2 inches. Reports from Tallabatchie and Coldwater rivers show a gradual fall. Two-thirds of the water from the lower lake break is going through Coahoma county into the Sunflower river and that section of the country is completely inundated. The loss to property is incalculable. Trains are suspended from Itabena to Greenville. All communication by telegraph with the latter place are cut off.

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GHECIAN SCENES AND PEOPLE.

Paper Read by Mrs. W. T. Wells at the Woman's Club Meeting.

There was a very interesting meeting of the Art and Literary Division at the Woman's club assembly room yesterday afternoon, and notwithstanding the disagreeable state of the weather the attendance was large. Mrs. Dr. H. C. Johns gave an instructive review of a book of poems by Rudyard Kipling.

The paper on "Thoughts Upon Greece as Seen by Ourselves," read by Mrs. W. T. Wells, who with her husband and a touring party, visited the Holy Land a year ago, was a composition timely and instructive. It treated of the peculiarities of the country and people, the city of Athens, the Alce plain, the Acropolis, the Ilissus, the Marathon races, the Greek church, and various points of absorbing interest to the American tourist. This synopsis of the paper is given:

Mrs. Wells said that she was conscious that the entire world was now talking of Greece, and stated that in no place in Europe visited were the impressions so vivid as were those made on her mind in Greece. She said that perhaps this was partly due to the fact that she and her husband came into the country from the accursed land of the Turk, where the blight of neglect and poverty marked every spot. Their last port before Piræus was Smyrna with the ruins of Ephesus. Here the once temple of Diana was invaded by grazing cattle. When her party entered the Piræus it was an April morning but the weather was more like that of our June. After landing, the party was driven to Athens a distance of five miles, the road running along the long wall, and the drive being shaded by beautiful poplars. Once outside the Piræus the party entered upon the Attic plain and in a little while the Acropolis was in sight. There was a long, gentle sloping road, ending abruptly in a crown of rocks, which supported the Parthenon, the Propylæa and the Erechtheum. This rock seemed to be held in place by the walls of ancient ruins which are guarded with jealous eyes by the Greek government. One half mile to the north of the Acropolis lies the new city of Athens, nestling under Mt. Hymettus, from the summit of which Pentellous can be seen looking quite near but in reality ten miles away. Half way between Hymettus and the Acropolis is the Stadium, built on the ruins of the old stadium. No description written or spoken has ever done credit to the natural perfection of the Stadium. The front of the arena is perfect level opening toward the city, with the Acropolis in line of vision on the left and Hymettus on the right. The seats are on three sides of the hills, which tower high above and accommodate thousands who can look upon the games. Athens is entirely modern. The streets are very wide and paved with marble. The houses are built upon the street and are of stone and marble. They are not palatial but classical. The one disagreeable feature is the fine marble dust blown by the wind which rises every day at about 10 o'clock. At the time of Mrs. Wells' visit the national games were in progress and the city was in holiday attire. The effect was that of a master hand carrying out one general plan. To the left of their hotel was the king's palace, with its plain facade and long sloping lawn. At no place during the trip did they have so much trouble in making themselves understood as in Athens. It seemed that every one spoke every language but English. The speaker too gave a very entertaining description of the great games in the Stadion and told of the homage paid the Greek peasant who won the twenty-six mile race in two hours and fifty-five seconds, King George meeting him at the edge of the Stadion and supporting him amid a scene of enthusiasm that has seldom been equalled. The people dress mainly in the European costume but during the games every one was in holiday attire and the Arabian costume was the most picturesque. The ruins of ancient Athens are jealously guarded by the government and no improvements are permitted on the part of the bill leading to Acropolis. The speaker said that they attended a Greek church where there are no seats and where the worshippers either stand or kneel. Upon the railings and pillars were many beautifully framed pictures of the saints which the elegantly dressed saint and the dirty sinner kissed in constant succession. The government is bankrupt but the patriotism and generosity of the people is priceless. It is a point of honor with every Greek wherever he lives or dies to leave something for the adornment of Athens or the education of his countrymen. The servants are dignified and courteous and one could not offer them a fee. After leaving Greece the party visited the Island of Corfu, which Napoleon said was the most beautiful spot in the world. The speaker said that with such an authority she could do more than pronounce it that, and gave a very entertaining description of this celebrated island and its beauties.

THE LIBEL LAW.

Senator Lundin of Chicago Introduces a Second Bill to Repeal It.

Springfield, Ill., April 9.—Senator Lundin introduced a bill today repealing the libel law. It was read a first time and made a special order on second reading for Tuesday morning. Adjourned.

BRYAN INJURED.

The Ex-Candidate Rendered Unconscious by Wreck of a Plaza.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 9.—Hon. W. J. Bryan was injured here yesterday afternoon by the caving in of a piazza from which he was speaking. Nearly 400 men and women were precipitated about twenty feet to the ground and many of them injured, but none fatally. Mr. Bryan was picked up unconscious and was removed to a physician's office where an examination revealed that he had received no injuries of a serious character. It was deemed best, however, to abandon the reception which was to have been given him in the evening.

His Appearance To-Day.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 9.—Wm. J. Bryan passed through this city this morning on his way to Tallahassee, where he will speak this afternoon. He seems to be suffering considerably from the effects of the accident at St. Augustine last night, but his vigorous physique enabled him to keep up. Slight discoloration is seen about the left eye. His face is pale and a tinge of pain is seen to sweep occasionally over his face. His limbs are bandaged in several places where they were bruised.

REPORTED STORM IN THE DELTA.

The Loss of Telegraphic Communications Shuts Off Knowledge of Flood Conditions.

Jackson, Miss., April 9.—This city lost all telegraphic connection with Greenville last night. The wires run to Winona, thence to New Orleans via Jackson and Memphis. These wires so far have stood the flood. Their loss now is thought to be significant. It is reported that a rain storm visited the Delta last night. Until communication is established the flooded district cannot be heard from definitely.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Uniform School Text Book Bill Advanced to Second Reading.

Springfield, Ill., April 9.—In the house the committee on education reported favorably the bill to establish a state board of school book commissioners and provide for a uniform course of text books and fix prices. The bill was read a first time and advanced to a second reading.

The entire morning was devoted to the consideration of appropriation bills. All on the calendar for second reading were advanced to third reading. Adjourned.

Australian Base Ball Players.

San Francisco, April 9.—The Australian base ball players who are on a tour of the world arrived here and are playing the opening game with the Olympics a week from Sunday.

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NOT A NEW THING.

Arbor Day an Old Custom—Did Not Start in Bryan's State.

In 18's illustrated pamphlet calling attention to the observance of Arbor Day on April 30th, S. M. Inglis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, calls attention to this historical statement:

The origin of Arbor Day is attributed to the state of Nebraska. But in an old Swiss chronicle it is related that away back in the fifth century the people of a little Swiss town called Brugg assembled in council and resolved to plant a forest of oak trees on the common. The first rainy day thereafter the citizens began their work. They dug holes in the ground with canes and sticks, and dropped an acorn into each hole, tramping the dirt over them. Upward of twelve sacks were sown in this way, and after the work was done each citizen received a wheaten roll as a reward. "Great oaks from little acorns grow," it is said, but for some reason the work was all in vain, for the acorns never came up. Perhaps the acorns were laid too deep, or it might have been the tramping of so many feet had packed the earth too firmly. What ever the cause the acorns refused to sprout, and the townspeople sowed the same ground with rye and oats, and after the harvest they tried the acorn planting again—this time in another way—by plowing the soil and sowing the acorns in the furrows. But again the "great oaks" refused to grow; grass came up instead, and the people were disappointed. But an oak grove there were determined to have, so after the second failure a few wise men put their heads together, and decided to gain the desired result by transplanting. A day was appointed in October, and the whole community, men, women and children, marched to the woods, dug up an oak sapling, and transplanted it on the common. At the close of the exercises each girl and boy was presented with a roll, and in the evening the grown people had a merry feast in the town hall. This time the trees grew. The people of Brugg were pleased and satisfied, and instituted the day of tree planting as a yearly holiday. Every year as the day came around the children formed in line and marched to the oak grove, bringing back twigs or switches, thus proving that the oaks were thriving, and every year at the close of the parade the rolls were distributed to be eaten in remembrance of the day. This festival still exists and is known as "The Switch Parade." Our Arbor Day is only an old custom revived.

SPORTING SCRAPS.

Bits of Information Relating to Various Affairs of Interest.

John R. Gentry and Robert J. are both in training at Fleetwood park.

In seven years Klamath, 2:07 1/2, won 13 out of 362 heats in which he started.

The grand circuit this year will include Saginaw, Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Elmhurst, Readville, Hartford and New York.

The spring meeting opens at Morris park May 8 and ten days of racing will be given. There is racing only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week.

California followers of boxing want to legalize finish fights.

Peter Maher is already in training for his fight with Sharkey.

John L. Sullivan says Maher will whip Sharkey quickly and easily.

Stage boxing is thought by many to have made Corbett slower than he should have been.

New Yorkers do not fall in line with enthusiasm over a second meeting for Corbett and Fitz there. They are afraid it will stop boxing altogether.

Chicago and Cincinnati will be in the parade at Cincinnati when the season opens there April 23.

Artie Latham has played in fast company for 16 years. Now he can't get a job in a minor league.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The last snow story is by Charles Davis, of Cummings, N. D., who declares that a hog belonging to him has just been dug out of a snow drift, alive and well, having lived there 113 days without food. Next.

Last night Supervisor and Mrs. H. F. May entertained the members of the West End club at their home on West Decatur street. There were eighteen couples present. Six hundred snobs was the game, and refreshments were served.

The Decatur Choral Union will continue as an organization. A fairly well attended meeting of the principal vocalists of the city was held last night at Gentry's Armory. The Union will meet next Tuesday night at the armory.

LACK OF SERVANT GIRLS.

Movement on Foot to Bring Over a Number From Germany—Wages in the Old Country.

Bloomington Pantagraph: That there is a lack of good servant girls in Bloomington, as well as nearly everywhere else in the United States, is a fact that is well known to every housekeeper in the length and breadth thereof. There are good girls, who can cook and attend to their domestic duties, but they are scarce, and the hard times has not increased their number as might be expected. The average American girl regards the thought of homemaking as something beneath her dignity, although she is as much a servant in a store or shop as in a kitchen or dining room. It is not with these things as they should be, but as they are, that we have to deal. The net remains, moralizing or no moralizing, that capable domestics do not one-fourth meet the demand, and how to remedy the defect is a serious question. Several gentlemen and ladies in this city are considering a plan which will in all probability be tried, and that is to bring over a consignment of servant girls from Germany. Steamship rates have been secured with this end in view. In the old country servant girls are paid \$15 to \$30 a year, and they attend to the work assigned them, too. They do not expect three afternoons a week out, and the head of the house is recognized as having some privileges. At Christmas they receive presents, and occasionally are given a dress. When receptions are given the guests usually give them a little coin in the way of a "tip." In this country the wages of a domestic range all the way from \$2 to \$6 a week. The girls will not be brought over on contract, but will be found places as soon as they arrive. It is believed that there is no other way of solving the hired girl problem.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Whereas, It has come to the notice of the local board of fire underwriters of Decatur that the firm of Kuny, Johns & Strohm are soliciting business by means of a newspaper article which is calculated to deceive and create distrust in the mind of the insuring public regarding the stability and financial standing of the insurance companies doing business in this state. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the secretary of the local board of fire underwriters of Decatur be and is hereby authorized and instructed to insert the following article in the Morning Review, Herald-Dispatch, Evening Bulletin and Evening Republican.

The insurance firm of Kuny, Johns & Strohm by an article in several of our city papers attempting to deceive the insuring public regarding the financial standing and stability of the fire insurance companies whose policies are protecting the property of our citizens, by stating that more than 150 fire insurance companies discontinued doing business during 1896. The facts are, according to the twenty-eighth annual insurance report of the insurance superintendent of the state of Illinois and according to the report of the Spectator company, who are recognized the world over as authority on insurance, there were 303 fire and cyclone insurance companies doing business according to the law in this state Jan. 1, 1896, including joint stock, mutual, foreign district, county and township companies. No joint stock company doing business in the state failed during 1896. (The Firemen's of Chicago retired in 1897.)

The 150 companies referred to as "busted," consist principally of Lloyd's and Mutuals which were never authorized to do business in Illinois and it would not matter to the citizens of Decatur if 1000 of such companies failed, as they are prohibited by law from doing business in this state. Any reputable fire insurance agent doing business in this city is supplied with insurance superintendent's reports which are public documents and can show the financial condition of any company authorized to do business in Illinois.

The article referred to is inserted only for the purpose of inducing insurers to submit their policies to Kuny, Johns & Strohm so that they may secure the date of expiration of the policies and thereby secure the line of insurance, and this is a trick that ought not to fool any one. The insurance companies authorized to do business in this state are solvent and safe, and insurers need have no fear of being defrauded so long as they do business with a reputable, authorized agent.

By order of the local board of fire underwriters of Decatur, Ill.

R. R. Montgomery, President.

J. L. Drake, Secretary.

Dated, April 7, 1897.

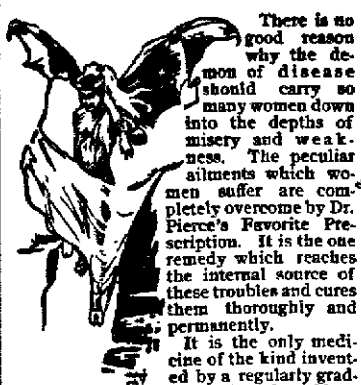
The meat market of F. M. Burns at Blue Mound was closed yesterday by Constable Conrad on a mortgage for \$300 in favor of Nelson Morris & Co. The fixtures will be sold on April 30.

COLDS.

Munyon's Cold Cure cures colds in the head, colds on the lungs, old colds, new colds, and catarrhs of all forms of the nose, throat, sinuses, discharges from the nose and eyes, prevents catarrh, diphtheria, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. These pleasant little pills are absolutely harmless, have saved thousands of lives and prevented much sickness. Price 25c.

MUNYON'S

Improved Homeopathic Home Remedy Company put up a separate cure for each disease, and all drugs, mostly 25 cents. Guide to Health free. Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1035 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.



There is no good reason why the demon of disease should carry so many women down into the depths of misery and weakness. The peculiar ailments which women suffer are completely overcome by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is the one remedy which reaches the internal source of these troubles and cures them thoroughly and permanently. It is the only medicine of the kind invented by a regularly graduated physician of long and wide experience—a specialist—who has devoted a life time to the understanding and cure of these special diseases. The "Favorite Prescription" is designed for this one purpose, and no other medicine has ever accomplished it so perfectly. No mere nurse's prescription or one-cent stamp will be relied upon by a sensible woman afflicted with these delicate complaints. Every woman would understand her physical organization better and be better able to keep in health and condition by reading Dr. Pierce's thousand-page illustrated book, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser." Several chapters are devoted to woman's special physiology with valuable suggestions for home-treatment without the aid of a physician. A paper-bound copy will be sent free on receipt of one-cent stamp to pay the cost of mailing only. Address: Woman's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. If a handsome, cloth-bound, beautifully stamped copy is preferred, send 10 stamps extra (3¢ in all), to cover the additional expense. Constipation if neglected will lead the most robust to the doctor's office. The blood gets loaded down with impurities which it deposits in every organ and tissue in the body. Serious illness is the inevitable result. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They are prompt and pleasant in their action. They never gripe. They cure permanently and completely, and are not mere temporary palliatives like so many so-called remedies. Druggists sell them. If you accept something "just as good," you will regret it.

Andrew Peters. John Wortman.

A. PETERS & CO.,

(Successors to D. Martin & Co.)

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600 NORTH MORGAN ST.,

Decatur, Illinois.

Exclusive Agents for

Royal Cement Plaster.

Telephones No. 4—Old and New.

The Crowds Of Ladies

Who visited our store yesterday will please accept our thanks.

All were delighted with our beautiful display. Orders booked and sales made were entirely beyond our expectations.

We offer extraordinary bargains in all departments. Our Clay Worsted Skirts, our ready to wear Dress Skirts are by all odds the best bargains in the market. Our lines of Organdies, Dimities, Lawns, etc., etc., are simply beautiful. Our prices always the lowest. It pays to investigate these awfully hard times. The merchant running under light expense has a decided advantage and can make the lowest prices.

We are the champion house on good goods and low prices. We cannot be undersold.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

151 EAST MAIN ST.

April 7, 1897.

Carpets..

We are selling Carpets at a Lower Price than ever. We also weave Carpets.

We also weave Rugs from old Ingrain or Brussels Carpet. Can weave any width, from one-half yard to two and a half yards wide.

CHAS. PFISTER,

South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

"Good Flour" Is Not Good Enough.



Pillsbury's Best

is what every housewife wants. Makes the most bread, the whitest bread, the best bread.

Get Pillsbury's Best. Ask and Insist.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.

Jan 24-25-26

SKIRTS and SUITS.

Figured Gros Grain Silk Skirts, 9 Gores, Percale lined, finished seams, at.....\$6.95

Figured India Silk Skirts, 4 1/2 yards wide, at.....\$3.95



Fine All Wool Novelty Cloth Skirts, large variety of stylish patterns, at...\$4.95 each

Fine All Wool Check Suiting Skirts, 4 1/2 yds., Black and White and Brown and White Checks, at.....\$3.48

Black All Wool Crepon Skirts at.....\$3.48

Plain and Figured Brilliantine Skirts at.....\$3.00, \$2.50, \$1.95 and \$1.48

All Wool Shepherd Check Suits, Skirt and Blazer Jacket.....\$3.95

One lot Fancy Mixed All Wool Suits, full silk lined Jackets.....\$5.00

All Wool Canvas Eton Suits, Percale lined Skirts.....\$5.95

All Wool Serge Suits, silk lined Eton Jacket.....\$7.95

Stylish Tailor Made Suits at...\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$20.00



Agents for Standard Patterns. The Standard Designer 85c year; 10c per copy.

Bicycles! Bicycles! Bicycles! Bicycles!

A Good Line of New 1897 Wheels.

NO OLD GOODS. NO FAKES.

Please Call and Examine Them.

C. L. GRISWOLD & CO.,

DECATUR, ILL.

POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE

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FRIDAY EVE., APRIL 9.

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FOREIGN TITLES A SPECIALTY.

—Presenting—

20 FAMOUS

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Three hours of solid, wholesome fun, having only pleasant memories of

Pretty Girls,

Dainty Dancers, Sweet Singers,

Refined Specialties,

Up To-Date Comedians,

Latest Songs, Newest Jokes,

And BRILLIANT MUSIC.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, AND 75c—

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We carry an elegant line of

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in Broad and Narrow Gold, Silver, White, and Natural Wood. Our prices are Surprisingly Low.

J. E. SAXTON'S BOOK STORE,

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Hartford, Conn.

WRITES FIRE AND CYCLONE INSURANCE.

CAPT. LYTLE, Agent, 147 Merchant Street.

THE NEW Top Spring OVERCOAT

The new Short Box Coat in Light Tan at.....\$12.00

Silk Lined at.....\$15.00

New Spring

in all the New Shades of Brown in Plaids, Checks, Homespuns and Mixtures, from.....

Men's Fine Black Clay Dress Suits Sacks or Frocks—Suits at.....

Made to Order

Full line of New and Up-to-Date MAKE AN

Suits from \$13.50

Trousers from \$3.50

Spring Overcoats,

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The Progressive Clothiers.

Telephone 182.

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Reduced to Me

It's worth something to have That's why the Viking is a and dealer. Perhaps there others will be "just as good,"

The Price Is Right

The '97 VIKING is worth \$ other high grade wheels will have a VIKING for \$75, while wheels at any price. Better

MOREHOUSE &



33 Cents on

Thirty-one years ago we opened an Exclusive Carpet Store in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell Spring time brings demands for these a stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains to Axminsters. Our WALL PAPER from the grades to the charming Brilliances. No one trying to monopolize all branches dealing exclusively in these goods, giving and quality, all things being equal.

Call and tra

Abel Carpet W

THE NEW Top Spring OVERCOATS.

The new Short Box Coat
In Light Tan at.....\$12 One lot of last season
Top Coats at.....\$6.95
Sold up to \$13.50.

Silk Lined
at.....\$15 One lot fine Top Coats
Sold up to \$18, at.....\$8.50

New Spring Suits

In all the New Shades of Brown and Tan—
In Plaid, Checks, Homespuns and Scotch
Mixtures, from.....\$5 to \$15
ELEGANT VALUES.

Men's Fine Black Clay Dress Suits—
Sacks or Frocks—Suits at.....\$6.75

Made to Order Department.

Full line of New and Up-to-Date Styles.

MAKE AND FIT GUARANTEED.

Suits from \$13.50 and up.

Trousers from \$3.50 and up.

Spring Overcoats, \$18.00 and up.

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"VIKING"

Means Inventive Genius
Reduced to Mechanical Success

It's worth something to have a distinctive mount.
That's why the Viking is a favorite with both rider
and dealer. Perhaps there will come a time when
others will be "just as good," but not this year.

The Price Is Right...

The '97 VIKING is worth \$100, as comparison with
other high grade wheels will clearly show. We also
have a VIKING for \$75, which is better than most
wheels at any price. Better call and see it.

MOREHOUSE & WELLS CO.

CARPETS

33 Cents on the Dollar!

Thirty years ago we opened an Exclusive Carpet and Wall Paper Store
in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at 65c were then sold at \$1.75. Wall
Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you at 3c.

Spring time brings demands for these articles, and you find us with a large
stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 16c to the best Tapestry Body and
Axminster. Our WALL PAPER from a common brown at 4c up through all
the grades to the charming Brillantines.

No one trying to monopolize all branches can or will do as well by you as we—
dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our entire attention to style, coloring
and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trade with us.

Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co.

HAVE YOU TRIED

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—

"The Economy,"

221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

The city election will occur on April 23,
one week from next Tuesday.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made,
Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Three new members were admitted to
the Decatur club Wednesday evening.

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at
the Opera House Drug store.

The best blood purifier is Ray's Sarsa-
parilla—at West's drug store. 50c.—32-dtf

If you are troubled with catarrh,
asthma or headache, use the German
medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16d1f

Boys' Oxford and tan high shoes, any
size, \$1.27 a pair, reduced from \$2; new
coin toes at Powers' shoe store.—8 d&w1w

There were eleven tramps in the city
prison last night. They sought shelter
for the night, and were turned out early
this morning.

The best spring tonic for that tired
feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at
West's drug store. 75c.—32-dtf

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
moen 35-dtf

Little Diana cigar; business man's
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodak's News House.—14-dtf

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and re-
tail, 223 North Main street. Durfee &
Gulp.

The Taylor farm in Grove township,
Logan county, embracing 640 acres, has
been sold at \$80 per acre to Warren
Crabbe. B. W. Taylor takes the Groshens
business block at Delavan as part pay.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and
pressing take your clothing to Miller's.
They are first-class practical dyers and
dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

Before you have your spring papering
done go and see W. C. Plunk, 109 East
North street. Exclusive wall paper store.
—5-32w.

The C. P. university at Lincoln will en-
deavor to get into the state inter-collegi-
ate association with Wesleyan, Blackburn,
Illinois, Eureka, Monmouth and Knox
colleges.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands
gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera
House Drug store.

Girls, now is the time to look up your
spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have
them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-
class style by people who are experts and
practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's
Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning establish-
ment, 145 North Main street.

It is the purpose of Chan Powers to go
to Europe in 1900 with a party of expert
shooters in the east. The party will at-
tend a number of tournaments in the old
country, and will endeavor to make a
good record for America.

We have now placed on sale the follow-
ing makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers,
Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird,
Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5
now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to
5½, widths A, B, C. Bargains without
end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-d1w

At the First Presbyterian church work-
men are carrying on the annual cleaning.
The walls, furnishings and carpets are be-
ing thoroughly renovated. The building
will be in order in time for the Sunday
services.

The Decatur base ball team has received
a challenge from the Bement club. They
will play at Bement a week from next
Saturday. It will be the first game the
boys have played this season and they will
at once begin practicing.

No better soft coal in this market than
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
tur and the harder the coal the longer it
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in
stock at market price. Up town office,
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800
North Broadway, old phone 483, new
phone 435. M. F. Metz.—31-dtf

ONLY \$1.15 For

Hinkle's Best FLOUR.

And guaranteed to be the best flour
sold in the City of Decatur. All the
leading groceries sell the best flour, and
HINKLE'S BEST is the best flour
made, and the following groceries sell it
and guarantee it to be the best flour on
the market. It has no equal.

Holman & Son.
Drobisch Bros.
Keys Bros.
Henry Lyon.
J. H. Beatty.
C. C. Radcliff.
Shaffer Bros.
J. R. Fritz.
W. E. Howard.
Chas. Mathewson.
J. B. Gordon.
J. B. Robinson.
J. E. Wheeler.
May Bros.
Bockwith Grocery.
L. H. Kater.
H. Meyer.
McMahon & Fulton.
Schille & Oehler.
I. N. Cool.
Weekerman & Knapp.
D. Armbruster.
R. W. Davis.
Ree Hove.
T. T. Spruance.
C. Amfield.
Propriet & Hinkle's.

W. C. T. U. WORK.

Members of the Society Favor Sunday Clos-
ing of All Places of Business.

A matter of considerable local impor-
tance came up yesterday afternoon at the
regular meeting of the Woman's Christian
Temperance Union. It was the formal
inauguration of a movement to have all
places of business closed on Sunday.
Mrs. W. F. Gillmore, superintendent of
the department of Sabbath observance,
had read a paper on the subject. Mrs. A.
T. Davis said she had given the subject
much thought and she said that all of
the places of business should be closed so
that none should be deprived of an oppor-
tunity of attending church. Mrs. Nancy
W. Coleman offered a motion that a com-
mittee of one should be appointed to
confer with Mrs. Gillmore on the subject
being discussed. The motion was carried
and Miss M. E. Crissey was appointed to
see Mrs. Gillmore. The communication
suggested that the women should see the
ministers of the city and get them to
preach a sermon on Sabbath observance,
April 11. The following ladies were ap-
pointed to wait on the ministers of the
city and try to get them to preach on Sab-
bath observance on the Sunday mentioned
in the communication:

First Methodist—Miss Myra Carmany.
Grace Methodist—Mrs. W. T. Beadles.
Presbyterian—Mrs. W. J. Brown.
Baptist—Mrs. John Mead.
Cumberland Presbyterian—Mrs. Smith.
United Brethren—Mrs. John Kinney.
Church of God—Miss Clara Stare.
English Lutheran—Mrs. Nancy W. Cole-
man.

Congregational—Mrs. John M. Cray.
German Lutheran—Mrs. D. H. Simon.
German Methodist—Mrs. A. T. Davis.
Church Street Christian—Mrs. John
Ulrich.
Edward Street Christian—Mrs. Hayden.
All Angels—Mrs. Nancy W. Coleman.
Negro Churches—Mrs. L. P. Bixby and
Mrs. W. C. Plunk.

ADDRESS, MUSIC AND COMEDY.

Sons of Veterans Give a Pleading Entertain-
ment at Post Hall.

The members of Col. I. C. Pugh Camp,
No. 14, Sons of Veterans, assisted by the
ladies of the aid society, gave a very pleas-
ing entertainment last night at Grand
Army Post hall, but on account of the in-
clement weather the attendance was not
large. Nevertheless the program was
carried out as arranged. W. F. Calboun,
commander of the Post, delivered an ad-
dress on "Patriots," which was well re-
ceived. Miss Carrie White of Warrens-
burg, delighted everybody by her cornet
solos. The selections were enthusiastically
applauded.

"A Matrimonial Advertisement" was
the comedy in two acts, with this cast of
characters:
Grandmother Cole—Miss Minnie Miller.
Martha Gordon, an old maid—Mrs. May
Miller.

Mary Cole—Maggie Golden.
Jack Cole—James R. Garrow, jr.
Cyrus Gordon, a bachelor brother—John
Allen.

The performers were generously com-
plimented on their work in illustrating the
laughable story.

Refreshments were served in the ante-
room. The ladies had made neckties to
match the garments worn by the ladies,
and the ties were sold to the gentlemen,
who after finding the ladies with dresses
to match, entered the banquet hall.

The entertainment will be repeated at
the same place next Thursday night.

Election Result in Milan Township.
In Milan township on Tuesday there
were two tickets up—the Republican and
People's. The Republicans elected Mr.
Barber assessor. This was the vote:

Supervisor—Archie Dickson, R, 47;
William Best, P, 56.
Clerk—Frank Rouch, R, 46; Lewis
Stich, P, 56.

Assessor—Owen Barber, R, 53; Frank
Stich, P, 50.

Collector—J. V. Moody, R, 44; Lowell
Smith, P, 59.

Commissioner of Highways—H. H.
Wagner, R, 46; William Frumkes, P, 53.
Justices of the Peace—W. A. Arnold,
R, 45; A. S. Freeland, R, 50; James
Bronley, P, 58; Edward Humphries, P,
53.

Constables—Frank Rouch, R, 50;
James Cheeley, R, 45; David Nibler, P,
53; W. A. Shaddock, P, 51.

For the Soldiers' Graves.
A few days ago forty-seven head stones
for old soldiers' graves were received in
this city. They are furnished by the gov-
ernment so that there may be none of the
graves of the old soldiers which are not
marked. On each stone is the name of
the deceased and the company and reg-
iment of which he was a member. There
were quite a large number of the soldiers'
graves at Greenwood that were not mark-
ed but last summer when the G. A. R.
arranged their private lot provisions were
made for all the graves. When this last
lot which was received has been put in
place most all of the old soldiers' graves
will be marked with a head stone.

Cow Rate Postponed.
Owing to the great storm April 1 the
cow sale of the Lutz Bros. has been pos-
tponed to Monday, April 12. Note the
date.—3-dtd

There are 850 members of the First M.
E. church whose names will appear in the
new directory of the society soon to be
issued.

New Easter Shoes.
In endless variety at Powers' shoe store.
—8-d&w1w

At The Grand.

A Novel Comedy To-Night.

A novel subject for comedy is the one
chosen by the author of "McFee's Matrimo-
nial Bureau," which ridicules the de-
sire of American girls of wealth to marry
foreign titles. The piece is beyond doubt
the greatest comedy hit of the age, having
been most beautifully staged by Harry J.
Bubler of the Lincoln theatre, Chicago,
and being presented by one of the strong-
est companies on the road, its twenty-
five merry mirth and music makers being
chosen from among the best the country
affords. This new and up-to-date piece
with its large company and its wealth of
beautiful scenery is announced as the at-
traction at the Powers Grand this even-
ing, April 9, and will undoubtedly be
greeted by a large audience of fun and
music lovers.

At Rest in Greenwood.

The remains of the late Charles H.
Ward arrived in the city yesterday after-
noon accompanied by his wife and daugh-
ter. His funeral took place yesterday at
2:30 from P. Perle's undertaking parlors.
Rev. J. T. Findly officiating, his body
being interred in Greenwood cemetery.
Several weeks ago on account of the seri-
ous illness of her mother Mrs. L. M. Sol-
lars, Mrs. Charles H. Ward, wife of the deceased,
was called to Decatur from St. Paul and
while here in attendance on her mother
received the shocking news of Mr. Ward's
death.

Charles H. Ward was born in Urbana,
Ohio, in 1855, being 41 years of age. He
had made Decatur his home off and on
since 1876, having broke for several of the
old Wabash conductors. He was also em-
ployed for several years by the Pullman
company. He left here with his wife and
family last October to make his home in
St. Paul and took a position with the So-
Line News company of Minneapolis as
news agent, having a run to a place called
Endelon N. D. It was while on a trip
to this place that he met his death. His
train had pulled into the town of Han-
son, N.D., and had a wait of several min-
utes there Mr. Ward going to a news
dealer a short distance from station to
dispose of some extra stock got back just
in time to see his train pulling out and in
endeavoring to get on missed his footing
and fell between the cars and was in-
stantly killed. Charles, as he was fami-
liarly known, was a generous, good heart-
ed fellow, a kind, loving husband and
parent and his untimely end is regretted
by all his acquaintances. He leaves be-
sides his wife a daughter, Miss Mabel
Ward, his mother, Mrs. Jane Ward of De-
catur, and two brothers, Will Ward of
Texaa, and John Ward of this city.

Stopped Handling Cigarettes.

The retail dealers who sell cigarettes
are having some trouble in securing stock
as the whoeale grocers of this city have
stopped handling cigarettes. Formerly
the cigarettes made by the trust were sold
on commission by the wholesale grocers to
the retail dealers but now the manufac-
turers insist on selling their stock instead
of consigning it. The profit for the
wholesale men under this plan is small so
they do not handle them at all. Conse-
quently the local dealers who wish to buy
cigarettes are compelled to purchase them
in large quantities from out of town firms.

Candidates at Blue Mound.

The issue at the village election to be
held at Blue Mound will be the license
question. The opposing tickets have been
named as follows:

Temperance Ticket—President, J. D.
Bottrell; trustees, Robert Robbins, 1 year;
J. R. Hughes, 2 years; E. E. Staver, 3
years; B. C. Diehl, 2 years; clerk, E. T.
Clements.

People's Ticket—President, H. L. Fer-
guson; trustees, Dan Heidebaugh, 1 year;
J. R. Morganstein, 2 years; Wm H. Snell,
3 years; L. B. Ware, 2 years; clerk, E. T.
Clements.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the
board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. was
held last evening at the rooms in the Co-
lumbia block. The matter of engaging
some one to take Prof. Blair's place as
physical director was discussed and it was
decided to secure Tom Pitner to tempo-
rarily act as instructor in the gymnasium.
Six new members were admitted to the
association.

Will Pay in Full.

The last thousand of the \$40,000 voted
by Mr. Putaski township to the Gilman,
Clinton & Springfield (now Illinois Cen-
tral) railroad, will be paid this spring, in-
cluding twice the original sum in inter-
est. This will be cancelled, without repa-
diation, but with honor and credit, a
great debt assumed by the people of the
township back in 1868.

Bad for the Farmer.

The continued wet weather at this time
of year is bad for the farmers. The rain
had made the ground very soft and the
season will consequently be late. The
oat crop will particularly suffer as the
planting of that crop will be detained on
account of the wet condition of the
ground.

Entertainment Postponed.

The entertainment which was to have
been given last evening by the Order of
Foresters was postponed on account of
the bad weather. It will probably be held
next Wednesday evening.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds
of J. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—
jan 29-d&w1f

A MOTHER KNOWS

Some Things People Don't Think Of.

"Just why it is that children at the
breakfast table will beg for a little coffee
day after day, I am unable to say, except
that they have a deeply rooted desire to
have what their parents do in the way of
food and drink, then I believe they natu-
rally like something hot to sip with a
spoon; at any rate the demand is there
and I'm best if it isn't hard to get over,
when one has three or four in the family,
but we can't give our young folks coffee
to drink; everyone knows its effects on
children and it seems almost criminal to
set before the innocents something we
know will harm them."

So speaks a thoughtful mother and to
such the grain coffee, Postum, comes as a
blessing to solve the vexed question.

Dr. H. W. Pierson, "Medical Advance,"
6351 Stewart Ave., Chicago, says, "We
know of your Postum and are very much
pleased with it. Decidedly opposed to the
use of both tea and coffee."

Postum will pass for coffee with nine
out of ten people if they are not warned
in advance. It has the deep seal brown
of old Java and changes to the rich golden
brown of thick Mocha when cream is add-
ed. It is made wholly and entirely of
pure grains of the field, wheat, etc., such
as are intended by the Creator for man's
use in this latitude. Postum, the health
coffee can be drank as freely as water
without any of the ill effects of coffee,
and in a week or ten days' time, the old
coffee user will note a marked change in
his feelings and health. It makes red blood
in the natural way and agrees with babies
or grown people. Made by the Postum
Cereal Co., Ltd., of Battle Creek, Mich.

Beware of fraudulent imitations of the
original Postum Cereal Grain coffee. Ins-
ist on Postum.

PRIZES FOR ILLINOIS CORN.

State Board of Agriculture Has Inaugu-
rated a Novel Contest.

Great inducements will be offered by
the state board of agriculture to farmers
to compete for prizes offered for the best
acre of corn raised in the state during the
season of 1897. The board will award to
the farmer showing at the state fair the
best and largest yield of corn from one
acre of ground a cash prize of \$100 and a
fine track scale, valued at more than the
cash prize. The second premium will be
\$100 in cash and the third premium will
be \$50 in cash. The board will make
proper conditions to govern the making
and measurement of the crop, so as to
insure fair competition and it is expected
that great interest will be taken in the
offer by the agricultural classes.

Persons making entries will be re-
quired to exhibit one barrel of ear corn,
which shall be gathered the week pre-
vious to the fair.

The corn exhibited will become the
property of the state board of agriculture
at the close of the fair, after which it will
be distributed to farmers throughout the
state for seedling purposes.

The ground must be measured and the
corn weighed by the member of the board
of supervisors from the township in
which the exhibitor lives.

Each application for entry must be ac-
companied by a statement giving the
total number of pounds of corn produced
on one acre of measured ground, the
variety of corn planted, the manner of
cultivation and the date of planting and
gathering. The statement must be
sworn and subscribed to before a notary
public.

Exhibitors intending to compete must
notify the secretary on or before the 1st
of July, giving the name of the railroad
station nearest to the growing corn.

A compilation has been made by a news-
paper of the general condition of wheat
in the great producing states of the
central west. The worst showing is made
by Illinois. Out of 36 dispatches 24 give
the outlook as poor, while 12 give the out-
look at fair. Only two correspondents
venture the opinion that the yield will be
greater than that of 1896 while 31 say
that it will be less. Twenty-three say
the yield will be a half crop or less, five
that there will be two thirds of an average
crop, and three are optimistic enough to
expect a crop only 10 or 20 per cent less
than the average.

We have now placed on sale the follow-
ing makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers,
Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird,
Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5
now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to
5½, width A, B, C. Bargains without
end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-d1w

Mrs. J. M. Cray of Decatur, attended
the twelfth annual meeting of the Illinois
branch of the Woman's Board of Foreign
Missions held this week at Urbana as did
also Mrs. A. E. Arnold and Mrs. F. J.
Winslow of Warrensburg.

The Decatur Woman's club has just
paid a dividend of five cents to each stock-
holder. There are 200 members of the
club and there is \$250 left in the treasury
and all expenses paid.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1897.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayor—B. Z. TAYLOR.
Clerk—JOHN A. RERVE.
Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.
Treasurer—MONT PENNELL.
Aldermen—First Ward, K. J. WAGT.
—Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG.
—Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.
—Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.
—Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.
—Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.
—Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Chicago, April 9.—Fair tonight and Saturday; possibly frost tonight, slightly warmer Saturday; brisk northerly winds, becoming variable.

The Result.

The results of the recent elections are not discouraging to the Republicans though the free silver people are attempting to make it appear so. The only great change apparently against the Republicans was in Chicago which is clearly accounted for in the fact that it was the chosen time of those Republicans, who are opposed to the rule of an office getting syndicate composed of three or four narrow minded individuals, to protect themselves from the domination of those people. The only avenue open to the accomplishment of this was the defeat of the candidates of the little combine which meant the defeat of the party. It is the only means left to honest people to protect their rights.

The Harrison victory was not a free silver victory and hence was not a revolution against the Republican party. Had W. J. Bryan been permitted to campaign in the city, had John P. Altgeld been permitted to run the campaign then the claim set up by the free silverites might be logical, but these men were kept out of the light and nothing was said anywhere in the campaign about national issues. They were buried or kept out of sight to save the vote which is opposed to free silver but inclined to go for Harrison.

Then again it will be observed by the returns that everywhere the vote was light and the diligence of the candidates measured the result as to whether the Democrats or Republicans profited by the light vote. One hundred thousand failed to vote in Chicago. Over 2400 out of a total of 5188 votes cast in Decatur township in November failed to be recorded at the spring election and so it has been all along the line. The year following the presidential election is always characterized by the greatest apathy among those who do not appreciate the privilege of American citizenship and who do not comprehend its responsibilities. They are the class that must be dragged to the polls either by pumping them full of enthusiasm through the influence of a long campaign or by hauling them to and from the polls to perform a freeman's duty. In off years, especially in local election, there is not steam enough to go to the expense necessary to induce them to do their duty and they stay away from the polls.

In the recent election in some cases the result was favorable to the Republicans while in others it was favorable to the Democrats but in no case where the Republicans lost as in Chicago and Cincinnati is there any trouble to account for the result along the line of local disunion and in not a single instance is it clear that the result was due to a change of sentiment on national issues.

There has been no reason for a change of opinion. The new administration has just gone into power. It has not been in power long enough to put its policies into law and into force. The people know this. They are depending upon protection to bring prosperity back. They know that the tariff bill is pending now in congress called into special session to enact such a law. The voter would have to be ignorant indeed not to know of these conditions and while the masses are waiting for them the masses were enlisted in the spring elections in disposing of the offensive bosses that have pestered the party and in some instances they have done right good job.

The Chicago Tribune: If the Venezuelan commission appointed by President Cleveland is "at large anywhere it is respectfully requested to come home and legislate itself out of existence. The Venezuelan government has finally accepted the proposal to arbitrate the disputes with Great Britain, and this commission has no further excuse for prowling around the misty archipelago of foreign governments. A report has gained currency that the commission has been out of existence for some weeks, but the public will not be misled with any such informal dissolution. This commission has fooled the public too often before in the same way. Several times during its youth a

diligent search at the foreign capitals and the watering places failed to reveal the presence of the commission anywhere, and stately obituary notices were started by social mourners, but on every occasion enough of the commission turned up somewhere to show that it was yet alive and, in most instances, kicking. What the people want from this commission is a formal and official death scene. This simulation of death by remaining in a comatose condition will not suffice. That has been chronic from the beginning and something more lively in the way of departing this life is necessary to arouse any general enthusiasm.

Ben Taylor will make this city a good mayor because Ben Taylor is full of push and has the right kind of ability to prevent being run over by those who are not mayors but who insist upon the privilege of running the city. He will take pride in giving the city a good administration and will not let a moment of an opportunity go to waste to bring about that result and the people are going to vote for him at the polls.

Nominee Patterson will not speak at the Congregational church as announced. He ought to do something religious to fulfill the mission of a Democratic reformer and we suggest he take up a collection.

Colonel Jim Keefe finds himself running against a typical non-partisan Democrat and municipal reformer, but at this period in the race the colonel acts as if he was not suffering from alarm as to the result.

Even free silverites are now wearing yellow ribbons, but in this case they want clean streets and in this case they are right.

HEIR TO A FORTUNE.

Arthur Quinn, inmate of the Poor House, inherits \$20,000.

Bloomington Post-Dispatch: A dispatch from Springfield, Ill., last night said: "Arthur Quinn, of this city, who is at present an inmate of the poor farm at Bloomington is heir to a fortune of \$20,000 by the death of his brother, Frank Quinn, of Philadelphia, five years ago, and the latter's wife, who died recently in Pennsylvania."

Inquiry of Mr. Karr, at the poor farm, developed the fact that Arthur Quinn is there, and that has been his home for the last three years. He formerly lived near the McLean county coal shaft, and came to want through strong drink. He has always said that he had a fortune coming to him from the estate of a brother in Pennsylvania, but little attention was paid to his claims. He is about 67 years old and mentally sound. A stranger was at the poor farm yesterday, and wanted to take Quinn away, but Mr. Karr objected, fearing that if a fortune had been left the old man there might be some scheme on foot to deprive him of it and throw him back on the county again. Steps will be taken to protect the old gentleman's interests, so that he will be able to enjoy his inheritance.

ALTGELD'S BUSINESS METHODS

The Globe Savings Bank a Rat Hole for the States Money—Arrests

Chicago, April 9.—Churchill the cashier of the suspended Globe savings bank for whom a warrant charging embezzlement was issued yesterday, surrendered himself today and gave bonds. President C. W. Spaulding and Vice President A. D. Averill, for whom warrants are out have not yet put in an appearance. The developments today show a far greater amount of University of Illinois funds involved in the suspension than at first supposed. Two years ago the state legislature appropriated \$423,000 to meet the University expenses. Spaulding drew the entire sum from the treasury. As admitted by members of the university board there is now only \$400,000 worth of school bonds missing but \$423,000 of cash is tied up.

To add to the complication it is said that should President Spaulding be unable to account for the funds his bondsmen will refuse to be held responsible for the defense being a private deal between the University board, the state treasury officials and Treasurer Spaulding which they regard as sufficient cause to release them from their obligations. Spaulding was allowed to draw all the money at once instead of merely enough from month to month to meet the University obligations as anticipated by the legislature, because he agreed to pay 2½ per cent interest. The university officials are charged with gross carelessness. It is said Spaulding's accounts have not been audited for over two years.

A. E. Weeks Not Dead.
Oakdale, Tenn., April 9.—A. E. Weeks thought to have perished in the Knoxville fire, is alive and well, here.

Not moved, not dead, nor sleeping, wide awake at the old stand, 348 North Main street, Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.—O. St.

—Benton, Tenn. of Oreans, was in the city today on business.

—William Landis was here today from Cairo, Geo. on a business trip.

PARKE & SON
SEWER PIPE,
TILE,
DECATUR, ILL.
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

ELECTRIC RAT-KILLING.

The Mysteries of the Current Tea
Mark for the Rodents.

Electricity is really becoming a very useful thing in its way. The electrical supply house in Kansas City is using it to kill its rats. The basement of the house is infested with rodents, which have little respect for property and eat the insulating material of wires and the fatty substances about the electrical machines for dessert. At this electrical establishment it takes 35,000 ohms of electricity and at least three men to dispatch a rat. This is the manner of the death: When a cellar rat is caught by the paws in a steel trap the trap is brought upstairs, carefully carried by the chain at arm's length, for a cellar rat will fight and its bite is unwholesome. The electrician then comes forward with a magnetic bell machine, a sort of young dynamo, with a resistance of 35,000 ohms. To the machine are attached two long insulated wires. The rat is laid on an iron plate. A man takes one wire and applies the uncovered end to the iron plate. The man who is looking after the rat takes the other wire and pokes the rat with the bare end of it. The rat resents this, of course, and bites at the wire. The man with the machine grinds industriously until the bell rings, which it does when a resistance of 35,000 ohms is reached. The exasperated rat bites at the wire, and, quicker than you can say "Jack Robinson," he is dead. But his taking off has amounted almost to a function. They also have an electrical method of catching rats in the electrician's cellar. A large, square plate of iron is placed on the floor, and above it another plate, not so large, and separated from the other at the distance of an inch or so by porcelain insulators. To each plate is attached a wire connected with a dynamo having a 1,000-volt alternating current. On the upper iron plate is scattered a seductive luncheon of bacon rinds, old cheese and tallow. The mouths of the rats down in the deepest holes begin to water when the odor of the feast reaches them and they come flocking to it.

When a rat steps on the lower plate the current has no effect on him, but the instant he puts his paws on the upper plate to reach for the cheese the full force of the electricity reaches every part of his sinewy body and, contracting it suddenly, shoots him into the air in somersaults. The other rats, observing this, think he is jumping for joy and hasten to the feast. One after the other they are shot into the air and fall to the floor stunned, when they are easily captured and killed. Thus it is that science lends itself to even so humble an occupation as rat killing. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE CELESTIAL SERVANT.
Not at All High-Priced, and Thoroughly Trustworthy.
At night your "boy" returns to China-town, where he sleeps, letting himself in the next morning with a latchkey, which, on him, you trustfully confide to him. This may seem strange and imprudent to custom housekeepers, thus leaving your house at the mercy of an unknown, characterless man, for of course they never have testimonials but it is a trust rarely if ever abused, a fact which speaks favorably for the celestial. Generally they demand and receive large wages. We had, however, one at the modest sum of ten dollars per month who was an excellent cook, excellent in bread and cake making, but with a truly execrable temper. He was always miffed and growing to him self as he went about his work. Besides cooking he had to set and wait upon the table, sweep the lower rooms—we attended to the bedrooms—and occasionally wash the windows. At times he would break out in what we supposed was intended for singing, but anything more harsh and unmusical I have never heard. Query: Can the Chinese sing?

What roused his anger more than anything was our being out late for meals or people dropping in for lunch. If at such times we rang for bread or cake, after a sufficiently lengthy interval, to impress upon us the fact of his displeasure and to ponder on our greediness, he would bounce in, scowl at us as he snatched up the plate, mutter very audibly to his mistress: "No make cake; too cheap; two dollars and a half," which was somewhat embarrassing to both hostess and guest. Our patience eventually gave out, and we dismissed this amiable creature, who departed for once all smiles, with his wages and apron, leaving behind his latchkey and in all probability a description of the place, written where it would attract the notice of the neighbor, though invisible, or, at any rate, unintelligible to us. This is a favorite practice of theirs and serves either to encourage or to warn away applicants. If the latter, your path will be a thorny one for some time to come, and "boys" prove many and fleeting, much to your wonder and perplexity. You will find yourself at very unequal odds when dealing with oriental subtlety.—Lippincott's.

Entertained Friends.
On Wednesday evening Misses Laura and Stella Jenkins entertained a few of their friends at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jenkins on West William street. The party was in honor of Miss Palmer of Springfield, who is visiting in the city. The company included Misses Nellie Merriweather, Etta Pratt, Madge Hays and Miss Palmer and Robert Moffit, Charles Pratt, Edwin Haines and Ben and Charles Freeman.

Bread, Bread.
You can buy your bread for less money than the flour will cost you, provided you get full sixteen ounces per loaf, which you will when you buy the Decatur Cracker Co.'s Blue Label bread. For sale at all grocery stores. One loaf for 4 cents; three loaves for 10 cents; six loaves for 20 cents; eight loaves for 25 cents.

Basement Sale

Manufacturers' Remnants, Short Lengths, Etc.

Together with **\$5,000.00**

Worth of New and Desirable Merchandise, bought especially for this Great Bargain Event.

These Popular Prices will win Popular Favor.

Indigo Blue Calicoes, yd.....	3c	Turkey Red Table Damask, yd ..	15c	Ladies' Spring Jackets.....	\$1.98
Scotch Lawn, yd.....	5c	All Linen Crash, yd.....	5c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose	worth 7c pair, for 2c
Irish Lawn, 100 styles, yd.....	7½c	Apron Gingham, staples and fancies	2½c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose	worth 10c for 2c
Bep Ticking, (slightly soiled) yd.....	4½c	Dress Calicoes, Fancies, yd.....	3½c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose	seamless, worth 12½c for 2c
Dress Gingham Remnants, yd.....	4½c	Shirting Calicoes, yd.....	3½c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests,	Tape Neck, worth 8½c for 5c each
Zephyr Gingham Remnants, yd.....	8½c	Aniline Black Calicoes.....	4c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Tape	arm and neck, worth 12½c for 8½c each
Outing Flannel Remnants, yd.....	4½c	Silver Grey Calicoes.....	4½c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Union Suits	Crochet neck and arm, worth 25c, for.....
36-inch Bleach. Muslin " " " " "	3½c	Embroideries, yd.....	2c	Ladies', Misses and Girls' Trim	med Leghorn Hats.....
36-inch " " " " " " " " "	4½c	Black and Cream Laces, yd.....	5c	Men's Blue and Brown and Grey	Mixed Half Hose, pair.....
White Lawn Remnants yd.....	6½c, 8½c, 9c, 12½c	Ladies' Cloth Capes, Braid Trim-	med, a \$2.00 garment at.....		
Check Nainsook Remnants.....	7½c, 9c, 12½c	Children's Reeler Jackets.....	49c		
		All colors.....	50c, 75c, 98c		
		Ladies' Wrappers.....	49c		

Extract Cactus Complexion Soap, with Buttermilk and Glycerine, a good toilet soap that ordinarily sells for 5c a cake; Our price 3 CAKES FOR 5c.

LINN AND SCRUGGS WATER, MAIN
AND STATE STS.
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

MARKET REPORT.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 9, 1897.
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to J. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
April.....	66½	67	66½	66½
May.....	66½	67	66½	66½
July.....	66½	67	66½	66½
Cor.—				
April.....	20½	21	20½	20½
May.....	20½	21	20½	20½
July.....	20½	21	20½	20½
Oats—				
April.....	10½	10½	10½	10½
May.....	17½	17½	17½	17½
July.....	17½	17½	17½	17½
Pork—				
April.....	8.20	8.25	8.17½	8.22
May.....	4.12½	4.12½	4.12½	4.12½
July.....	4.12½	4.12½	4.12½	4.12½
Lard—				
April.....	4.05½	4.07½	4.02½	4.07
May.....				
July.....				

May wheat: put, 63½c; call, 65½c; curb, 64½c.
TO-DAY'S REPORTS—CASH COTTS.
Wheat—6. Estimated, 6. Year ago, 12.
Corn—106. Estimated, 100; a year ago, 109.
Oats—188. Estimated, 183; a year ago, 107.
ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.
Wheat, 8; Corn, 145; Oats, 185.
Hog receipts 14,000; estimated, 15,000.
Market steady.

Light, \$3.50@4.05; Mixed, \$3.87@4.05.
Heavy \$3.70@4.07; Rough \$3.70@3.80.
Estimated for to-morrow, 11,000.
Cattle receipts, 2,500. Market steady.

PRICING QUOTATIONS.
PRICING, April 9.—Corn, easy, new, No. 2, white, 22½c; oats, easy, No. 2, white, 20½c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.
New York, April 9.—Wheat, May, 71½c; Corn, May, 28½c; oats, May, 21c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.
St. Louis, April 9.—Wheat, cash, 90c; May, 84½c; Corn, cash 20½c; May, 21c; Oats, cash, 18½c; May, 18½c.

BIRTH.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Boone, on South Chestnut street, on April 9, a son.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsmen fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 228 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wt

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wt

The meat market of F. M. Burns at Blue Mound was closed yesterday by Constable Conard on a mortgage for \$300 in favor of Nelson Morris & Co. The fixtures will be sold on April 20.

Mrs. Sarah Pratt, for many years a resident of Noweque, died suddenly Tuesday of heart disease.

FOR RENT—A good 6-room cottage, corner of North Chestnut street and Leiland avenue, one block from paved street and street car. JOHN A. BROWN, 141 South Main st. 9 dc

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....Musical Programme....
FOR THIS EVENING.

"The Handicap" march.....Geo. Rosey
Selection from "The Lady Slavey".....Gus Kerker
Manuscript Waltzes.....Ed Straus
"The Thistle," selection on Scotch airs.....Puermer
"A Good Thing," medley.....F. Beyer
Trilby Polka.....G. Bellizia
The Corncracker Dance.....Mearham
"Shandon Bells" march.....K. Mills

Opera House Orchestra, - Direction Prof. Robt. Walter.

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Bargains for
Capes, Skirts, Hosiery

Ladies' \$1.25 Kid
Gloves, Saturday
98c. All New Shades... Notice

...Here are a few out

40 Ladies' Silk Capes, black brocades, nicely lined and trimmed. Saturday for..... \$1.98

25 very handsome Crystal Silk Capes, pretty ruching collars, jet trimmed, worth \$4.00, for..... \$2.98

69 very handsome Plain and Brocaded Silk Capes, elegantly embroidered, worth \$6.00, for..... \$3.98

50 beautiful Silk Capes. They are shown elsewhere for \$7.50. Saturday our price is..... \$4.98

Very Special...

25 Black Silk Vesture Dress Skirts, regular price \$7.50. For Saturday's sale our price..... \$4.98

Ladies' Black Mohair and Brilliantine Skirts, \$2.48, \$1.98, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.19, and..... 98c

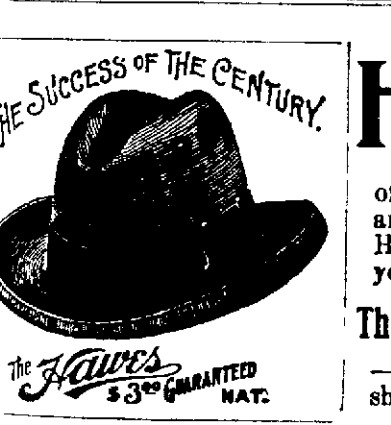
Ladies' \$12.50 Silk Skirts, Saturday's price..... \$7.19

Ladies' Ready made Wrappers, 59c

Ladies' \$1.00 Wrappers for... 75c

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...Here are a few out of the many...

15c	Ladies' Spring Jackets.....	\$1.98
5c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, worth 7c pair, for 2c pair	
2c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, worth 10c, for 7c	
3c	1 case Ladies' Fast Black Hose, seamless, worth 12 1/2c, for 9c	
4c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Tape Neck, worth 8 1/2c, for 5c each	
2c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Tape arm and neck, worth 12 1/2c, for 8 1/2c each	
5c	1 case Ladies' Ribbed Union Suits, Crochet neck and arm, worth 2c, for 15c suit	
98c	Ladies' Misses and Girls' Trimmed Leghorn Hats.....	49c
98c	Men's Blue and Brown and Grey Mixed Half Hose, pair.....	5c

Soap, with Buttermilk and that ordinarily sells for FOR 5c.

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On All Floors, Exhibit in Every Department, Thursday and Friday, April 7th, 8th and 9th.

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Physical Programme... FOR THIS EVENING.

March.....Geo. Rosey
The Lady Slavey.....Gus Kerker
Ed Strauss
March on Scotch airs.....Puerer
March.....F. Bayer
G. Bellizia
March.....Meacham
K. Mills
March.....Direction Prof. Robt. Walter.

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The Stewart Dry Goods Co.

Bargains for Saturday.

Capes, Skirts, Hosiery, Underwear

Ladies' \$1.25 Kid Gloves, Saturday 98c. All New Shades... AND Ladies' \$1.00 Kid Gloves, Saturday *\$59c*

...Here are a few out of the many...

40 Ladies' Silk Capes, black brocades, many lined and trimmed.....	\$1.98
25 very handsome Crystal Silk Capes, pretty ruffling collars, jet trimmed, worth \$4.00, for.....	\$2.98
40 very handsome Plain and Brocaded Silk Capes, elegantly embroidered, worth \$6.00, for.....	\$3.98
50 beautiful Silk Capes. They are shown elsewhere for \$7.50. Saturday our price is.....	\$4.98

Very Special...

25 Black Silk Veleur Dress Skirts, regular price \$7.50. For Saturday's sale our price.....	\$4.98
Ladies' Black Mohair and Brilliantine Skirts, \$2.48, \$1.98, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.19, and.....	98c
Ladies' \$12.50 Silk Skirts, Saturday's price.....	\$7.19
Ladies' Ready made Wrappers.....	59c
Ladies' \$1.00 Wrappers for.....	75c

A full line of new Silk Waists.

See them before buying.

THE STEWART DRY GOODS CO. 211 North Water Street.



HATS

of all kinds, colors, shapes, and prices. NEW SPRING HATS that will fit both your head and purse. The "Cuban" and "Geisha" —two of the latest. Let us show them to you.

A new, complete and exceptionally well assorted line of attire for little fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors, Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the new fabrics, running in price

...FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00...

This department of ours appeals particularly to mothers, and is entitled to their earnest consideration.

OUR NEW SPRING STOCK IS NOW IN.



New Novelties in MEN'S SUITS.

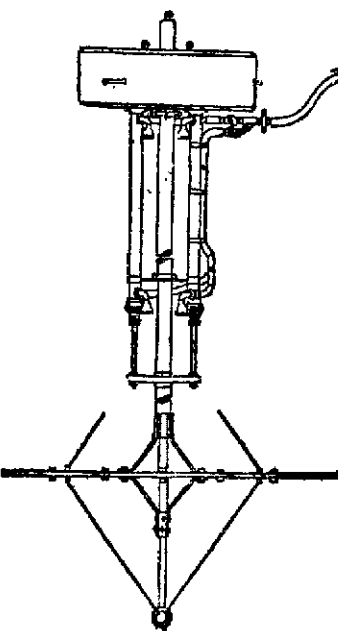
The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material, in style, in general make-up, but particularly right in PRICE. We are showing an exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

B. STINE CLOTHING COMPANY.

245-249 NORTH WATER STREET. NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.....

USING WAVE POWER.

A Machine Built to Get Work Out of the Sea's Currents. E. Morley Fletcher, an associate member of the British Institute of Civil Engineers, has been engaged for some time in carrying on experiments in England looking to the utilization of the force developed by the rise and fall of the waves of the sea. Many attempts have been made to use this enormous power for mechanical purposes, and it has been estimated that a very small fraction of the energy developed in the sea by the winds would suffice for all human needs. Mr. Fletcher has succeeded in making an experimental machine which promises to be of real utility for many purposes. The machine is simply a pump arranged in an ingenious manner, so that



WATER POWER MACHINE.

The waves shall work it up and down, and the force of the stream of water thus propelled may be used either directly for operating engines or be carried to reservoirs and used from there for producing energy. Mr. Fletcher's machine consists, first, of a strong metal rod, the lower end of which is held stationary at a fixed distance from the bottom of the sea by means of chains and anchors. Near the upper end, and built so that it can slide on the rod, is a big, round, hollow float, shaped like a cheese box. Attached to the lower side of this float, one on either central rod, are the barrels of two long pumps whose piston rods are made fast to a cross-piece on the central rod below. It is evident that if the central rod is held firmly, the rise and fall of the floating cylinder at the top will work the pumps. The difficulty to be overcome lies in the fact that the central rod would naturally rise and fall with the float. To overcome this tendency Mr. Fletcher has carried the lower end of the central rod down into the sea below the zone of wave action, and there fastened a flat disk to the rod. This disk offers so much resistance to movement that it holds the central rod practically still while the float rises and falls and does the pumping. A small machine which was used at Dover had a float about four feet in diameter and a stroke to the pump of four feet; and this when in full action developed 3.7 horse power. A plant is now being built which is intended to develop 300 horse power when it is fully operated by the waves. —N. Y. Sun.

HELP FOR THE DEAF.

A Machine Which Enables Them to Distinguish Melodies.

It is acknowledged that all, even the deaf and dumb, have a vestige of auditory power. Sound, which is a temporary phenomenon, had first to be registered to be studied. This has been accomplished by the phonograph. In order to amplify these registered sounds that they may be perceptible to the very deaf, M. Dussaud, the Swiss philanthropist, professor of applied physics at the University of Geneva, and deputy to the confederation, has invented the microphone, which may be called the first sound microscope, or first pair of glasses for deaf ears. This machine consists practically of a phonograph, on whose membrane has been adapted a new kind of microphone. When the receiver is applied to the ear, by gradually increasing the strength of the current so great an intensity of the words or airs can be obtained that the ear can no longer perceive them without violent suffering. M. Dussaud, by regulating the current, succeeds in getting persons of different degrees of deafness to follow, after a little experience and practice, different melodies, in which they tent the measure and which they distinguish one from another. Perception of sound will render the use of speech easier to them. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

Proposed Racial Survey.

A complete racial survey of the living adult population of Switzerland is proposed by Dr. Rudolph Martin, of Zurich. The observations of each individual would include measurements—28 in all—with a few simple instruments, together with color of hair and eyes, complexion, shape of head, face, nose, etc. The object sought is to determine what types among the inhabitants represent rare varieties and what others indicate hybrid forms.

Strange Himalayan Tribes.

MM. Olafsen and Philipson, two Danish officers who recently explored the Pamir country north of the Himalayas, found there unknown tribes who are fire worshippers, and ignorant of the use of money. Their animals are all dwarfed, the cows being the size of ponies, the donkeys of large dogs, and the sheep of small poodles. Women are sold for five or six cows or fifteen sheep apiece. Their chief article of barter is furs.



ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK SHLAEDERMAN as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward at the approaching city election.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one else can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can take almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bay from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Mullikin bank building, Decatur, Ill. BOLEN & LANNING.

OPPOSED TO PACING.

Its Abolition in Open Competition Advocated by a Racer.

William Randall, a Rochester racing man, says: "Put me down in favor of abolishing single and multi-pacing in open competition. The existence of such pacing is a manifest injustice to men weighing more than 175 pounds. The result of a race is prejudiced before the crack of a starter's pistol. Examine the records of Sanger and myself in unpaced heats and finals, and note the difference in the positions we occupied at the finish. Oftentimes the last eighth of a heat would be run in faster time than the corresponding eighth of the final, and still, when we figured in first and second place in the heat, the final would frequently see us unplaced. There is no reason that can be advanced which will justify this constant handicapping of large men from eight to ten lengths at the time of entering the homestretch. I favor dividing the men into two classes—one, two, three—limiting the number of men in finals and putting the power of changing men from one class to another in the hands of an official handicapper, who should be kept constantly on the circuit in company with the men, and by so doing become thoroughly familiar with the speed qualities and form of each of the men under his supervision. Such racing, I think, would make racing more popular, as the programmes would always show conclusively to the spectators what they were getting for their money, and no race meet promoter could foist second-class talent upon the public, thereby deceiving them and disparaging the ability of first-class men."

Test for Bicycle Wheels.

An apparatus for testing the durability of bicycle wheels, described in Uhl- and's Wochenschrift, consists of a frame receiving the bicycling wheels and weights corresponding to the average weight of a rider. The wheel to be tested rests with its tire on a large pulley rotated by machinery, and the pulley has on its rim a series of projections of various widths and heights. The wheel then strikes the projections, and is subjected to the same strain as when striking obstacles on the road. The test is continued for about 12 hours, the pulley being rotated at such a rate of speed as to give the wheel a number of revolutions corresponding to a travel of about 170 miles.

Female Bicycle Races.

Bicycle races between female contestants is a cheap sport at its very best, and none but men of diseased minds and little or no intellect find it an attraction. Certainly no man of self-respect would attend an event of this sort even as a witness, much less to serve in an official capacity. There is no necessity for wasting valuable space on the people connected with this mongrel game. They are too low in the scale of humanity to deserve attention from anything but the Salvation Army, which organization might profitably use them as horrible examples. They are caricatures on men and women; nothing more. —Cycling Gazette.

Cabbage for Intoxication.

Cabbage is said to be a cure for intoxication. Natives of Egypt eat boiled cabbage before their other food, if they intend to drink wine after dinner.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

The Kankakee bicycle factory is now working about 80 men and also have a night force at work. They turn out 80 wheels a day. The last order received by the factory was for 1000 wheels.

The Lincoln Press Drill company has received an order for a car load of drills from an agent in Louisiana.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

CAPEs AND SKIRTS.

We are showing an exceptional line of ...New Capes and Skirts... CAPES AT.....\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00 \$7.00 SKIRTS AT.....\$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00

Dress and Cape Making.

We make to order at short notice all kinds of Dresses, Waists, Skirts, Capes, Etc., Skirts to order with all goods furnished, at...\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and upward Capes to order with all goods furnished at...\$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 upward

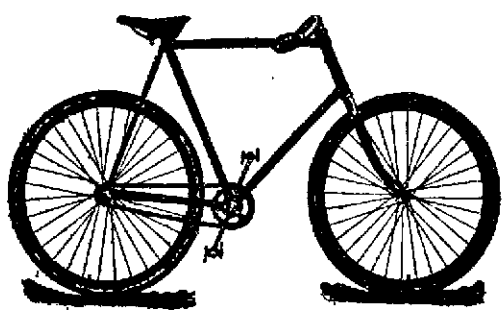
We are Showing a Lovely Line of New Wash Dress Goods.

Chas. T. Johnston's DRY GOODS STORE, 151 North Water Street.

Special SATURDAY Sale

THIS AD WILL NOT APPEAR AGAIN.

Manufacturer's List, \$85.



Our SATURDAY PRICE, \$30.40.

Terms: \$10 Down. The balance may be paid in CONVENIENT AMOUNTS; either weekly or monthly.

SPECIFICATIONS: Frame—24 inches, made of seamless tubing. Wheels—28 inch. Rockola rims. Tires—Morgan & Wright's "Quick Repair." Hubs—turned from solid bar steel. Bearings—Tool steel. Dust proof. Balls—Standard sizes. Cranks—Drop forgings, 6 1/2 inch. Sprockets—Dropped forged steel. Nickel plated. Chain—1/4 inch Indianapolis. Pedals—Rat trap. Handle Bars—Drop pattern. Gear 68. Finish—Extra fine, glossy black enamel. Tool Bag—with complete equipment.

We have some LAST YEAR'S WHEELS FOR \$25 and \$28. They are all right with the exception that they are one year out of date.

...Tandems for Rent—\$1 for Half a Day...

J. G. STARR & SON, Lincoln Square.

We'll Wake Up Trade....

This is the week we give you some very close prices on

3 Bargains. CORSETS. HOSIERY. SHIRT WAISTS.

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A Great Traveler

The woman who does the washing travels from pole to pole and crosses the line many times. She soon learns from experience that she can save time, money and labor by using

SANTA CLAUS SOAP.

the best, purest and most economical soap made. She also discovers that clothes washed with Santa Claus look better and last longer than they do when washed with ordinary soap. Santa Claus is sold everywhere. Ask for it. Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago.

159 EAST MAIN ST.

GEO. W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE

for Spring Overcoats.

We have a few Spring Overcoats to close out. If you are in need of a coat we can do you good.
\$ 6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00. \$10.00 Spring Overcoat, \$6.50
\$12.00 Spring Overcoat, \$7.50. \$15.00 Spring Overcoat, \$8.50

—SIZES 33 TO 44—

New Spring Suits

Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable Clothing in the city at prices to suit all. Call and see this line.

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132 E. North St., Decatur, Ill.,

Has the best facilities for
**Repairing,
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Bicycles....**

His factory is equipped with Steam Power and all necessary machinery for building and remodeling bicycles, which insures his customers BETTER and CHEAPER work than could be done without the aid of machinery.

He has also the 'Best Line of Bicycles at PRICES TO SUIT EVERYBODY. Come and see and convince yourself that they are the best ever offered.

The Best WATCH in Town

Will not keep correct time if improperly repaired...

Our watchmakers and facilities for watch repairing are the best. We especially solicit watches that others have failed to make keep time.

Promptness and Reasonable Charges.

W. R. Abbott & Co.,
JEWELERS.

SHE IS A LINGUIST.

Eight-Year-Old Maria Rose Can Converse in Four Languages.
Most small girls of 8½ years are accounted bright if they can speak tolerably correct English, but Maria Rose, of that age, talks English, French, Greek and German as fluently as natives of the various countries where these languages are spoken.
She is not held up as a prodigy, but simply an extraordinarily bright and ambitious girl. Maria Rose was born in America, and four years ago, an orphan, was adopted by Dr. Achilles Rose, a New York physician noted for his advocating the adoption of the Greek tongue among medical men of all nations in order to render intercourse easier. He is unable to explain the child's talent. She is of fair complexion and has pretty brown hair and eyes, is quiet, demure, but very observant. When Maria came to him she spoke English, and the doctor was anxious she should learn Greek after he saw how rapidly she picked up French. He does not believe in the ordinary school methods of teaching Greek, so he imported a native Greek governess, who, with him, talked Greek, teaching Maria the language by the conversational method. The child recited and sang in the language before a medical association, illustrating her father's lecture on Greek, and so pleased were the physicians that they sent her an engraved scroll thanking her for the entertainment. Even Rev. Archimandrite Agathodoros Papageorgopoulos, a Greek resident of New York, was charmed, so no higher praise is necessary. Then Dr. Rose procured a French governess for awhile, and in a short time so proficient was Maria that one could not tell whether English, French or Greek was her native tongue.
Not content with these languages she learned another to surprise the doctor. She attended the Sacred Heart convent



MARIA ROSE.

and managed to learn German from some scholars who speak the language. She gave the doctor no hint of her scheme till one day at home she broke into a conversation he was holding with a German friend and her triumph was complete. Dr. Rose is very proud of the child and she is not forced to study more than she wishes.

ARCTIC CHRISTMAS.

How a Party of Men Once Made Some Little Eskimos Happy.

Once on a time a party of men were far north in the arctic regions at Christmas time, and they could not help thinking of their families at home, and longing to be with them. For they knew it would not do to be homesick, for it would unfit them for their work, so they chose the best possible cure for it—they made other people happy.

The little Eskimo children around them had never even heard of a Christmas tree, and the men of the ship's company went to work to make one. Make one? "Why, trees grow." Certainly, but they do not grow in the arctic lands, for these explorers were far north of the tree line. But they took bones of the whale, walrus and other animals, and tied them together so as to make a trunk with branches. That was the tree. A Christmas without candy would seem strange to you, but instead of candy, they made balls of whale fat, or blubber, of which the Eskimo children are as fond as you are of chocolate drops or peanut brittle. They hung these on the tree, and prepared some simple presents of buttons and beads, and that was all. But it was enough for a delightful time for the little Eskimos, and their pleasure made the men so happy that they forgot their loneliness and homesickness. — Home Magazine.

REALLY USEFUL DOG.

Gyp Pumps Water for the Cattle, and Likes the Work.

One of the most useful and worthy dogs in this country is occupied in pumping water for cattle near Mill Valley, Cal. Gyp is her name, and she is said to be the only member of the canine family similarly engaged in the state of California.

A great saving of expense is effected by the employment of Gyp. She does not cost, all things considered, a twentieth part as much as a windmill would. She pumps water enough for a herd of 250 cattle.

The contrivance by which the dog creates motive power is a sort of barrel. This is so made that the animal can get in and out through a hole in the bottom. When she finds herself inside she naturally starts to move away and the barrel begins to turn. If necessary she can be shut in.

The motive power is communicated to the pump by means of a crank that connects with a piston and sucker. The revolution of the motor causes the piston to rise and fall.

Each stroke of the pump brings up about a quart of water and requires six strikes by Gyp. The pump makes six strokes a minute and draws up 500 gallons of water in ten hours.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store.

The American Distillery company at Pekin is about to build a large warehouse for the purpose of "curing" their product, which can be done more speedily above ground than in the basement which they use at present.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The average weight of hogs received at Chicago last week was 237 pounds, against 242 pounds a year ago, and yet corn is cheaper.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Petersburg Democrat: J. J. Hitchcock, who lives on the Amos Combs farm, in Rock Creek, has a sow with a litter of 17 healthy hogs.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

About 90 car loads of steers were forced on the market before fully ripe by the high water at St. Paul, which invaded the distillery pens in which they were being fed.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A lot of Texas cattle fattened in Texas, mainly on cotton seed meal, sold recently in Chicago at \$4.50, so that it is no wonder they are so hard to buy as stockers for the northern ranges.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mrs. Sarah Pratt, for many years a resident of Mowena, died suddenly Tuesday of heart disease.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Lincoln Press Drill company has received an order for a car load of drills from an agent in Louisiana.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

E. R. Sanner, of Shelby county, recently bought of the J. B. Smith heirs in Milan township, Macon county, 240 acres of land for \$14,880 cash.

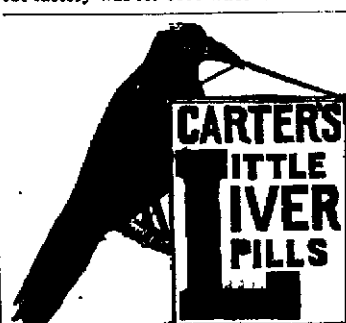
A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The farmers around Mountjoy in Logan county are forming a stock company for the purpose of handling grain at that locality. A large amount of stock has already been taken.

Lincoln is enjoying the sensation of a haunted house. The spirits make themselves known by knocks and raps, which are only heard in the presence of a certain member of the family.

The Kankakee bicycle factory is now working about 80 men and also have a night force at work. They turn out 30 wheels a day. The last order received by the factory was for 1000 wheels.



Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

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For those who have to be out in the WET.

When you are wearing one of our

Mackintoshes.

Complete stock of Mackintoshes and Rubber Coats for Men and Boys.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

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"Quick Meal."

Warm Weather will soon be here and you will want that new "Oil Stove."

What to Buy?
The Best, of Course.

Is there any question as to the Best when more than half of all the evaporating stoves sold in the United States during last season were "QUICK MEALS." They always give satisfaction. We are the agents for their full line. See them and you will have no other.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

L. D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings

German Baptist annual meeting, Fredericks, Md., June 3.
Grand Army of the Republic, Buffalo, N. Y., August 21 to 24.
Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

Homesteaders' excursions to principal points in the west, southwest, south and southeast, on 1st and 10th Tuesdays of every month at one fare plus 20¢ for round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

On March 29, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

New York, account Grant Monument ceremonies. One and one-third fare for round trip. Tickets sold April 23, 24, 25 and 26, good leaving New York returning up to and including May 4.

Selling Ala. account International Convention General Secretaries. M. C. A., April 26th to 29th.

For full information regarding date of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to K. Harwood, General Agent, or C. A. Follock, Ticket Agent, L. D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

P. D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Annual Excursion, G. A. R. Department of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., May 1, 1897.

One fare to Champaign, Ill., and return, with special excursion tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip.

Excursion dates will be May 24, 25 and 26, and tickets will be good returning up to and including May 28th. The best connections for going and returning are made by the P. D. & E. Railroad.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points. At Madison, Mo. for Four for Cincinnati. At Evansville for all points.

City ticket office removed from 117 1/2 street to 121 East William street, directly across from the Union Depot.

Call on or address W. L. South, Union Depot or T. Paulwell, 121 East William street.

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Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

A Life for 50¢. Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50¢ bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leave at 11:42 a. m.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

White copper is made from copper and arsenic.

A Reason of Hope. To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Sheet metal is composed of lead and a small quantity of arsenic.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

There is a poultry and egg firm at Milmonk which on last Monday received over 6000 dozen eggs for shipment.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old Cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

The Wash "California Flyer" is a quick and best service to CALIF. RAILROAD is now offered by the Wash. R.R. Co. in connection with the Atlantic, Pacific & Santa Fe Railroads. Vastly improved sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change, making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points.

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CHAFING DISHES....

with improved regulating Asbestos Lamp. The best dish made. See our new line at prices from \$3.00 up.

Also Chafing Dish Spoons, Forks, Skimmer, Alcohol Flagon and Toasters,

...At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.50...

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Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

New Department ADDED BY THE F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,



SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3d, we will open up our NEW DEPARTMENT on the second floor which will be of interest to the public, because the public is going to get the benefit.

On the second floor, where we have heretofore kept a portion of our reserve stock, we have fitted up a Bargain Department which is reached by a stairway from the main store. The goods will be displayed on

tables where each lot will be shown, with sizes and price prominently displayed.

The goods are New, of high grade, and are offered at Cut Price for one reason only—to clean up goods accumulated from each season. Stock will accumulate in an up-to-date store. There is only one thing, therefore, left to do with the goods, to move them with the power of price. The time for big profits has passed and the great problem is how to get a big volume of business. The reductions we have made are something startling.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this department.

NO. 1.

Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.

NO. 2.

Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 3.

Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.

NOS. 5 AND 6.

Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

NO. 29.

Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2½ to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 10.

Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Pat. tip, sizes 8½ to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.

NO. 13.

Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

There will be surprises for the buying public Saturday morning, when this New Department will be thrown open to the buying public.

SIGN OF THE BRASS FOOT TRACKS.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 East Main Street.

Cast Your Eye

On this for a Moment.

Do you need a blood purifier? See our Syrup Sarsaparilla Co.—a bottle same size as Hood's—twice as strong. Guaranteed, and only 50c a bottle. Try it.

KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. The delinquent tax list for the year 1896 will be published in May.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Irwin's Satisfaction tooth powder whitens and preserves the teeth.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 ct.

Irwin's Excelsior hair promoter will restore gray hair to its natural color. Large bottle, 75 cents.

A large new stock of the highest quality perfumes just received at West's drug store. Forty cents per ounce.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Main.—1-dtm.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtf

Butterfly Orchid—the newest perfume for Easter season, at West's drug store. Forty cents per ounce.

Clark and Schroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 22, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money solicited to place upon good city and farm property.—27-dtf.

The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Water.—1-dtm.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Scholer & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75, sizes from 2½ to 5½, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dlw

CYCLONE Insurance in first class companies. J. L. Drake, over F. O.

CONSOLIDATION.

Change in the Name of the Decatur Gas and Light Company.

CAPITAL STOCK RAISED TO \$250,000.

Decatur Light, Heat and Power Company is the Name of the New Corporation with B. K. Durfee as the President.

The Decatur Gas Light and Coke company is no more. It is out of business and in future the property and business will be owned and conducted by the "Decatur Light, Heat and Power company," whose capital stock is \$250,000. The stockholders of this new company held a meeting yesterday at the office of the company in the Syndicate block and elected directors as follows: L. Burrows, J. J. Peddeord, Joseph Michl, Frank Shlaudemman, Charles G. Powers, W. C. Johns, J. K. Hamilton, B. K. Durfee and Lewis E. Eymann.

The directors elected these officers: President, B. K. Durfee; vice president, Frank Shlaudemman; secretary and treasurer, Lewis E. Eymann.

It is the purpose of the new company, which includes twenty-five or thirty stockholders, a number of whom reside at Toledo, Ohio, and in eastern cities, to make extensive improvements in the plant by the purchase of new apparatus, in the extension of the gas mains and in the stringing of more electric light and power wires. In the consolidation of the companies, the stockholders bought the interest of the new company which recently, through the efforts of Attorney Johns, secured a valuable gas pipe franchise through the city council by the adoption of an ordinance. The gas franchise of the old company has about run out, and in the new deal all rights and privileges are secured to those who in 1888 were instrumental in establishing the gas works, and to those who have since taken stock in the corporation.

Mr. Hamilton of Toledo, who has purchased a large block of the stock in the new company, is a brother of Mrs. B. K. Durfee.

FRESH VEGETABLES.

A Large Variety in the Market to Select From at Reasonable Prices.

There will be a large variety of fresh vegetables in the market tomorrow. The strawberries are of a fairly good quality and will sell for 20 and 25 cents per quart. Like most all of the other fresh fruits and vegetables they come from Louisiana. In a few weeks they will be more plentiful and the prices will be cheaper. Among the vegetables will be string beans which will bring about 40 cents for a half peck. Spinach will sell for 25 cents per peck, cranberries at 10 cents per quart, and celery at 10 cents per stalk. Onions, radishes, lettuce and beets of a fine quality are plentiful and sell for 5 cents. Tomatoes are still high in price and will sell from 50 to 60 cents per dozen.

Old chickens sell for about 12½ cents per pound but springs are scarce. There will probably be a few in market tomorrow but they will be high, bringing probably 40 cents each. There is scarcely any thing else in the poultry line excepting chickens. Flesh of a large variety can be bought. Fresh shad and shad which generally are a variety in this city is offered for sale and can be purchased at reasonable prices. Eggs are still cheap, being offered at 10 cents per dozen.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Official Report.

Decatur, Ill., April 8, '97

Official report: Present: Mrs. Mary E. Haworth, James F. Roach, and E. A. Gastman. Absent: David S. Shellahager.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The treasurer's report for March was approved.

The superintendent's report of the receipts and expenditures of the tuition fund was approved.

The following bills were approved and the clerk was directed to draw orders on the treasurer to pay the same: Fannie A. Bivans, \$18.50; George R. Bacon & Co., \$4.50; Bessie Young, \$15; Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co., \$18.90; M. A. Sars, \$5; U. S. Furniture Co., \$5; Huff Bros., \$3.95; Decatur Coal Co., \$158.48; Morehouse & Wells Co., \$3.39; A. Miller, \$1.19; C. L. Griswold & Co., \$2.45; Citizens' Mutual Telephone Co., \$41.35; Decatur Gas Co., \$5.35; K. H. Roby, treasurer, \$8.03.

The superintendent was directed to have the fence repaired at the Jasper street school.

On motion adjourned. Mary E. Haworth, President, pro tem. E. A. Gastman, Clerk.

Congregational Meeting.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church will be held on Monday evening, April 12. Considerable business of importance to the church will receive attention.

Carpets—Important.

All wool ingrain carpets, yard wide goods, at Bradley Bros., this week at 28c a yard.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Charles T. Johnson is in Chicago.

—B. I. Stierlit is confined to his home by illness.

—C. W. Wykoff went to Maroa today on business.

—E. D. Bartholomew is in Chicago on business.

—L. C. King is working for the Wabash at Gibson City.

—Two children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Powers are ill.

—The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holmes are ill of the measles.

—Alderman J. L. Thayer went to Kansas last night on business.

—Miss Neta Bullard, who has been visiting friends in Springfield, has returned home.

—Mrs. Amsden, who has been visiting in the city, returned today to her home in Clinton.

—Rev. C. G. Wood arrived home today from Blue Mound where he went on business.

—Miss Mabel Roberts is home from Taylorville where she has been visiting friends.

—Mrs. M. C. Fitzgerald and son, of Bethany, are in the city visiting Attorney John Fitzgerald.

—F. S. Capron, traveling passenger agent for the Grand Trunk, is in the city today on business.

—Mrs. Elizabeth L. Christian of Bloomington, is visiting Mrs. E. A. Gastman, 464 West North street.

—Miss Blanche Horline has taken a position as assistant in the woman's exchange on North Main street.

—William J. Selnerth, western passenger agent for the Wisconsin Central line, was here today from Chicago.

—Miss Emma Jack, who has been visiting the family of T. T. Roberts, has returned to her home in Peoria.

—William M. Holmes of Monticello, was in the city yesterday visiting his sons, Melvil and Deputy Sam Holmes.

—K. E. Palmer, general agent for the passenger department of the Rock Island road was in the city today on business.

—Miss Mabel Snyder of Moweaqua, who has been visiting P. P. Laughlin and family, has gone to Knoxville where she attends college.

—Mrs. E. D. Bartholomew left today for Godfrey, Ill., to visit her daughter, Miss Bonnie Bartholomew, who attends the Montello seminary.

—Miss Anna Cochran, formerly a student at the Decatur high school, is here from Foster, Ohio, and has taken a position in Mrs. Foster's millinery store.

FITZ WAS HERE.

The Champion Passed Through Decatur This Noon on His Way from St. Louis to Chicago.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the champion pugilist of the world, passed through Decatur this noon on his way from St. Louis to Chicago. He was on the fast train which stops here but a few moments and very few persons at the depot knew he was on the train until it had pulled out. The champion had with him two large dogs, one a Great Dane and another a St. Bernard. They were in the baggage car on the train. There were a number of persons in the party with Fitzsimmons. They will arrive in Chicago at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and a party of Chicago sports will receive Fitzsimmons at the depot. At night he is to attend a banquet at the Auditorium hotel.

Patterson and His Speech.

It is now unofficially announced that David Patterson, the Democratic nominee for mayor, will not talk politics from the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday evening next. The plan cannot be carried out. The Sunday Evening club of that church, it appears, invited Mr. Patterson to make a talk, and the young men understood that he had consented, but it seems that there is some objection to the plan proposed. The club hopes to arrange for a meeting somewhere else on a week day evening.

Approved the Papers.

In the mayor's office this forenoon the papers filed with the city clerk notifying him officially of the nomination of the various candidates for city offices and aldermen were only inspected and approved by Mayor Conklin, City Clerk Hays and Alderman Hill. The official tickets will now be made out by the clerk and will be printed in due time. There is but one independent candidate, George Bedford, for alderman, in the Fifth ward.

Called to Kenney.

This noon Roy Bendure and Israel Flory left for Kinney, Ill., with Rattler, the blood hound. They received a call from there this morning stating that the dog was needed. The message did not say why the dog was wanted but it is very likely it was to track a burglar. A new blood hound was taken and will be allowed a chance to run with Rattler.

Entertainment To-Night.

The members of Decatur Lodge of Good Templars will give a "Washington and McKinley" supper this evening at the K. of P. hall in the library block. It will begin at 8 o'clock. The supper will be provided by a musical program.

Children's Tan Shoes.

Shoes, 2 to 10½, 98c a pair, in vic kid button at Powers' shoe store.—8—

BIG CASES IN COURT.

New Trial Granted by Judge Vail in Damage Suits.

LAWYERS OUT IN FORCE TO TALK.

The Thomason Case to be Gone Over Again Before a Jury—Motion in the Bauer Case Under Consideration.

This was motion day in the circuit court with Judge Vail on the bench. The first case to be disposed of was the motion for a new trial in the suit of Day v. Cent against the Illinois Central Railroad company. The jury had given Day a verdict of \$2000. The defendant thought the verdict was excessive and desired a new trial. Mills Bros. resisted the granting of the motion, and the court overruled the motion. Notice of appeal was given and the bond was fixed. In the case of Joseph Swift against the Illinois Central, the plaintiff had secured a verdict for \$1000, but it did not appear that he was injured. The company, however, was willing to settle with him for \$500, but Mr. Mills for the plaintiff wanted \$500. The proposition was refused. The motion for a new trial in the Swift case was allowed.

Next came up the disposition of the motion by the defendant for a new trial in the damage case of John R. Thomason against the Wabash Railroad company. The plaintiff had been given a verdict for \$500, in addition to the \$500 he had received by the compromise before the case came to trial. The verdict was not satisfactory to either side and when Judge Vail reached the case on the docket, Attorney Leforge for the plaintiff said he confessed the motion, and so a new trial was granted, although the court said he disliked to do so because he liked something new. Mr. Leforge gave the court a short talk in reference to what he considered the injustice of the verdict, when Attorney Buckingham admonished him to save his speech and reduce his points to writing. Charley retorted that he would certainly do so and would have plenty of points.

In order was the motion for a new trial made by the plaintiff in the \$5000 damage case of Mrs. Alice Bauer vs the Wabash Railroad company. The trial was had at the present term of court and the jury gave the verdict in favor of the defendant. The husband of the plaintiff was accidentally killed last summer by a train near the St. Louis bridge. He was on his way to his home at Blue Mound at the time. The attorneys for the plaintiff are represented by Sawyer & Ewing and A. G. Webber, while Attorney Buckingham appears for the defendant. The arguments on the motion are still in progress.

Judge Vail overruled the motion for a new trial, and the verdict of the jury will stand. Arguments on the exceptions to the report of the master in the Dawson Turner case are now in progress.

Maroon.

Miss Kate Bantler, aged 40 years died on Thursday at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Clough, after a long illness of consumption. The funeral will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock from the residence Burial at the Ridge.

The infant child of John Wall and wife died on Thursday after a few days' illness. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 10 a. m., from the residence seven miles southwest of Maroa. Burial at Texas cemetery.

The condition of W. H. Torrence remains unchanged. His case is now considered hopeless.

Mrs. Ella Chandler of Decatur, visited her mother, Mrs. James Huff, this week. Much interest is manifested in the coming city election.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. are anticipating a treat in the way of a lecture from Presiding Elder Randle, of the Decatur district of the M. E. church, next Monday evening. The discourse will be in the nature of a prophesy, the subject being "Achievements of the Twentieth Century."

Notice to Singers.

Having decided to continue the choral society as it has been without special assessment I desire all the members to be present next Tuesday night, a request to give concert in a neighborhood will be considered. S. M. Lutz—9 ddt

The debate on cigarettes which was held last evening by the temperance committee of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Methodist church has been postponed until next Thursday evening.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street—9-dw&tf

Laird, Scholer & Co.

Finest shoes and shippers for spring. Powers, sole agent—8 dw&lw

In County Clerk Dodd's office, the clerks are preparing the books for the assessors who will begin work in May.

The April law term in the county court will begin next Monday.